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Dear Beverly,

My colleague, Tamara Fraizer, forwarded your correspondence to me. Thank you for forwarding the email that you received from counsel for Fairchild regarding the Court's recent discovery order holding that Fairchild need not produce sales information for the time prior to the filing of the Complaint in that action. Per your request, I am cc'ing counsel for Fairchild on this email.

As I understand Tamara to have explained when the two of you spoke Monday by phone, Power Integrations disputes the Court's holding and will be litigating the issue further. We believe that sales information beginning January 2002 will be relevant for the Fairchild litigation.

You will likely find it most expeditious to produce the requested sales information for the period from January 2002 now, when you are already producing more recent information (since the October 20, 2004 date of filing of the complaint), as you will already be in touch with the proper person(s) responsible for that information. Such production would not be in violation of any court order and would avoid any work to go back later to gather the required information, which would necessarily require some duplication of efforts on your part.

We do agree to extend the date for compliance with the subpoena for documents in this case to September 7, 2005. Also, and going forward, please contact me or Michael Headley regarding the subpoena for the Power Integrations v. Fairchild matter.

Very truly yours,

Gina Steele

# EXHIBIT

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiff,

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FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation, and FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,

Defendants.

C.A. No. 04-1371-JJF

### PLAINTIFF POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANTS' SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION (NOS. 26-43)

Pursuant to Rule 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Power Integrations, Inc. ("Power Integrations") hereby responds and objects to Defendants Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc. and Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation's (collectively "Fairchild") Second Set of Requests for Admission (Nos. 26-43) served as follows. The responses and objections are made according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and are based upon information presently available to Power Integrations. These objections and responses are without prejudice to Power Integrations' right to use or rely on subsequently discovered information.

#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

1. Power Integrations objects to the Requests to the extent that they seek information or documents protected by attorney-client privilege and/or the work product doctrine, information or documents prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial, not

relevant to the subject matter of this investigation, or not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

- 2. Power Integrations objects to the Requests to the extent that they use terms or phrases that are not defined or understood; Power Integrations will not speculate as to the meaning ascribed to these terms or phrases.
- 3. Power Integrations objects to these Requests to the extent that they are premature since Fairchild has not yet provided complete discovery. Power Integrations' investigation is ongoing and it reserves the right to amend and supplement its responses to these Requests as appropriate.
- 4. Power Integrations objects to the Requests to the extent they call for a legal opinion or conclusion.
- 5. Power Integrations objects to the Definitions, Instructions, and Requests to the extent that they seek information or the identification of documents not within Power Integrations' possession, custody or control, or refer to persons, entities, or events not known to Power Integrations, on the grounds that such Definitions, Instructions, and Requests: (i) seek to require more of Power Integrations than any obligation imposed by law; (ii) subject Power Integrations to unreasonable and undue burden and expense, or (iii) seek to impose upon Power Integrations an obligation to investigate or discover information or materials from third parties or sources which are equally accessible to Fairchild.
- 6. Power Integrations objects to the Requests to the extent that they are premature and request that Power Integrations set forth expert opinions. Power Integrations' investigation is ongoing and it will provide such discovery in accordance with the procedural schedule the Court sets forth in this case.
- 7. Power Integrations objects to each and every Request to the extent that it: (i) is framed in terms that Fairchild has not specifically defined; or (ii) fails to identify with

reasonable particularity the information requested. Power Integrations further objects to such Requests on the grounds that they are vague, ambiguous and unduly broad.

8. Power Integrations incorporates by reference the General Objections set forth above into the specific objections and responses set forth below. Power Integrations may repeat a general objection for emphasis or some other reason. The failure to repeat any general objection does not waive any general objection to the interrogatory. Moreover, Power Integrations does not waive its right to amend its objections.

#### RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION

#### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 26:

Admit that Power Integrations did not file a patent application outside of the United States that claimed priority to U.S. Patent No. 4,811,075 or U.S. Application No. 41, 994, filed April 24, 1987.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 26:

Denied. U.S. Patent No. 4,811,075 is a member of a family of patents which includes at least the following foreign patents: DE3861707, EP-295391, JP2529717, and JP2804460.

#### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 27:

Admit that Power Integrations did not file a patent application outside of the United States that claimed priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,107,851 or U.S. Application No. 09/080,774, filed May 18, 1998.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 27:**

Admitted.

#### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 28:

Admit that Power Integrations did not file a patent application outside of the United States that claimed priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,229,366 or U.S. Application No. 09/573,081, filed May 16, 2000.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 28:**

Admitted.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 29:**

Admit that Power Integrations did not file a patent application outside of the United States that claimed priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,249,876 or U.S. Application No. 09/192,959, filed November 16, 1998.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 29:**

Admitted.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 30:**

Admit that Power Integrations could have filed a patent application in Korea that claimed priority to either U.S. Patent No. 4,811,075 or U.S. Application No. 41, 994, filed April 24, 1987, but did not.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 30:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and calling for speculation because "could have filed" is undefined.

Denied, based on these objections.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 31:**

Admit that Power Integrations could have filed a patent application in Korea that claimed priority to either U.S. Patent No. 6,107,851 or U.S. Application No. 09/080,774, filed May 18, 1998, but did not.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 31:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and calling for speculation because "could have filed" is undefined.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 32:**

Admit that Power Integrations could have filed a patent application in Korea that claimed priority to either U.S. Patent No. 6,229,366 or U.S. Application No. 09/573,081, filed May 16, 2000, but did not.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 32:**

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and calling for speculation because "could have filed" is undefined.

Denied, based on these objections.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 33:**

Admit that Power Integrations could have filed a patent application in Korea that claimed priority to either U.S. Patent No. 6,249,876 or U.S. Application No. 09/192,959, filed November 16, 1998, but did not.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 33:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and calling for speculation because "could have filed" is undefined.

Denied, based on these objections.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 34:**

Admit that Power Integrations does not contend that either claim 1 or claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 4,811,075 was conceived or reduced to practice prior to October, 1985.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 34:

Denied. Investigation and discovery is ongoing in this case, and Power Integrations has reason to believe that there exists evidence of conception or reduction to practice at least as early as 1984.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 35:**

Admit that Power Integrations did not mark any of its products or packaging with the patent numbers of the Power Integrations Patents pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) prior to July 3, 2002.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 35:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and calling for speculation because "products or packaging" is

undefined. Power Integrations admits it did not directly label chips or packages in which chips were shipped with patent numbers prior to July 3, 2002.

#### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 36:

Admit that Power Integrations cannot recover damages for Fairchild's alleged infringement of the Power Integrations Patents prior to July 3, 2002.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 36:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as calling for a legal conclusion. Power Integrations states that it does not seek to recover damages for Fairchild's infringement of the Power Integrations patents-in-suit prior to July 3, 2002.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 37:**

Admit that the Fairchild devices accused of infringing the '075 Patent are DMOS devices.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 37:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "DMOS devices" is undefined. Denied, based on Power Integrations' current understanding.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 38:**

Admit that vertical high voltage semiconductor devices do not infringe claims 1 or 5 of the '075 patent.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 38:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "vertical high voltage semiconductor devices" is undefined. Admitted, based on Power Integrations' current understanding.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 39:**

Admit that a capacitor is one structure corresponding to the "soft start circuit" element claimed in claims 1 and 89 of the '366 Patent.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 39:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as calling for a legal conclusion. Denied.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 40:**

Admit that prior to May 18, 1997, Power Integrations described using Power Integrations PWM devices with a capacitor that would minimize inrush currents at start up.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 40:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "minimize" and "at start up" are undefined. Denied, based on Power Integrations' current understanding.

#### REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 41:

Admit that a capacitor coupled to a current source of a PWM device provides the functionality of minimizing inrush currents at start up.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 41:**

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "coupled to a current source of a PWM device" and "minimizing inrush currents at start up" are undefined. Denied, based on Power Integrations' current understanding.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 42:**

Admit that Power Integrations does not assert that Fairchild activity entirely outside of the United States constitutes infringement of the Power Integrations Patents.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 42:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "activity entirely outside of the United States" is undefined. Denied, based on these objections.

#### **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 43:**

Admit that Power Integrations asserts a claim for money damages as a result of Fairchild activity that occurs entirely outside of the United States.

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 43:

Objection. In addition to its general objections, Power Integrations objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because "activity that occurs entirely outside of the United States" is undefined. Denied. Fairchild is liable for any sales, offers for sales or importation of the Accused Products within the United States that Fairchild knew or should have known about regardless of where Fairchild's activities occurred.

Dated: September 1, 2005

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I hereby certify that on this 15 day of September, 2005, a true and correct copy of the POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANTS' SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION (NOS. 26-47) was caused to be served on the attorneys of record at the following addresses as indicated:

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v.

FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation, and FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,

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#### **NOTICE OF SERVICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 1, 2005, a true and correct copy of POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANTS' SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION (NOS. 26-47) were caused to be served on the attorneys of record, at the following addresses, on the date and in the manner indicated:

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United States District Court, D. Delaware.

N.A.I.F. INC., Friend of Abdullah T. Hameen; Ismaa'Eel H. Hackett; and Shakirah Hameen, Plaintiffs,

Robert SNYDER, Betty Burris, Larry McGuigan, Charles Cunningham, Ron G. Hostermen, Frank Pennell, Stanley W. Taylor, Jr., Carl C. Danberg, and Paul Howard, Defendants. No. Civ.A. 03-506 JJF.

March 30, 2005.

N.A.I.F., Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, Plaintiff, pro se.

Ismaa'eel H. Hackett, Wilmington, Delaware, Plaintiff, pro se.

Pennsylvania, Shakirah Hameen. Philadelphia, Plaintiff, pro se.

Stuart B. Drowos, of the Department of Justice for the State of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware, for Defendants Robert Snyder, Betty Burris, Larry McGuigan, Charles Cunningham, Ron G. Hostermen, Frank Pennell, Stanley w. Taylor, Jr., Carl C. Danberg, and Paul Howard.

#### MEMORANDUM OPINION

FARNAN, J.

\*1 Presently before the Court is the Motion To Reconsider The Court's Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion To Amend The Complaint (D.I.27) filed by State Defendants Robert Snyder, Larry McGuigan, Betty Burris, Charles Cunningham, Ron Hosterman, Frank Pennell, Stan Taylor, Carl C. Danberg, and Paul Howard. For the reasons discussed, the motion will be denied.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Plaintiff Ismaa'eel Hackett is the Director and Iman of the North American Islamic Foundation, Inc. ("NAIF"), a national not-for-profit organization located in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Hackett and NAIF filed this lawsuit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 as next friend

of Abdullah T. Hameen, a former death row inmate who was executed in May 2001. Mr. Hackett volunteered his services as a religious advisor to Muslim inmates at the DCC. In their First Amended Complaint (D.I.3), Plaintiffs Hackett and NAIF allege that Defendants violated Mr. Hameen's First Amendment right to freedom of religion when they failed to allow Mr. Hackett to act as Mr. Hameen's religious advisor at the time of his execution.

On October 24, 2003, Defendants filed a Motion For Summary Judgment (D.I.14). On January 27, 2004, Plaintiffs Hackett and NAIF filed a Motion For Leave To File Second Amended Complaint (D.I.23), in which they added Shakirah Hameen, Mr. Hameen's widow, as a plaintiff and added a claim pursuant to the Religious Land Use And Institutionalized Person Act ("RLUIPA"), 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc-1. On February 9, 2004, the Court entered an Order (D.I.26) granting the Motion For Leave To File Second Amended Complaint. On February 23, 2004, Defendants filed the instant motion for reconsideration of the Court's February 9 Order.

#### PARTIES' CONTENTIONS

By their motion, Defendants contend that Plaintiffs' Motion For Leave To File Second Amended Complaint (D.I.23) should be denied for three reasons: 1) Plaintiffs' motion is the product of undue delay; 2) Plaintiffs' amendment adding Ms. Hameen violates the applicable statute of limitations, and 3) the constitutionality of RLUIPA is questionable.

Plaintiffs respond that, because they are acting pro se, they did not have knowledge of RLUIPA at the times they filed the original Complaint and the First Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs further contend that RLUIPA is constitutional.

#### LEGAL STANDARD

"As a general rule, motions for reconsideration should be granted 'sparingly." ' Stafford v. Noramco of Delaware, Inc., 2001 WL 65738 at \*1 (D.Del. Jan. 10, 2001) (quoting Karr v. Castle, 768 F.Supp. 1087, 1090 (D.Del.1991)). The purpose of granting motions for reconsideration is to correct manifest errors of law or fact, present newly discovered evidence, or to prevent manifest injustice. Harsco Corp. v. Zlotnicky, 176 F.3d 669, 677 (3d Cir.1999) (citing Keene Corp. v. Int'l Fid. Ins. Co., 561 F.Supp. 656, 665 (N.D.III.1983); North River Ins. Co. v. CIGNA Reins., 52 F.3d 1194, 1218 (3d Cir.1995) (citations omitted). Parties should remain

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mindful that a motion for reconsideration is not merely an opportunity to "accomplish [the] repetition of arguments that were or should have been presented to the court previously." Karr v. Castle, 768 F.Supp. 1087, 1093 (D.Del.1991) (citing Brambles U.S.A., Inc. v. Blocker, 735 F.Supp. 1239, 1240-41 (D.Del.1990). However, a court should reconsider a prior decision if it overlooked facts or precedent that reasonably would have altered the result. Id. (citing Weissman v. Fruchtman, 124 F.R.D. 559, 560 (S.D.N.Y.1989)).

#### DISCUSSION

- \*2 For the reasons discussed, the Court concludes that State Defendants have not identified errors of law or fact, newly discovered evidence, or manifest injustice sufficient to allow the Court to grant the motion for reconsideration.
- I. Whether Plaintiffs' Motion For Leave To Amend Should Be Denied As The Product Of Undue Delay

Defendants first contend that Plaintiffs' motion is the product of undue delay. Defendants specifically contend that Mr. Hackett possessed the information he added to his Second Amended Complaint at the time he filed his First Amended Complaint and, therefore, he acted in a dilatory manner. Defendants further contend that it was only after Mr. Hackett received Defendants' Motion For Summary Judgment (D.I.27), wherein Defendants argued that Mr. Hackett lacked standing, that Mr. Hackett filed the Second Amended Complaint adding Shakeerah Hameen, Mr. Hameen's widow, as a plaintiff.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) declares that leave to amend "shall be freely given when justice so requires." Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(a). In the absence of substantial or undue prejudice, denial of a motion for leave to amend a pleading "must be based on bad faith or dilatory motives, truly undue or unexplained delay, repeated failures to cure the deficiency by amendments previously allowed, or futility of amendment." Lorenz v. CSX Corp., 1 F.3d 1406, 1414 (3d Cir.1993).

The Court concludes that, although the amendment was made after Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment, Defendants have not shown they are substantially or unduly prejudiced by the amendment. The Court finds that Plaintiffs have not acted in bad faith or had dilatory motives in failing to add Ms. Hameen or file the RLUIPA claim in the original Complaint. Further, the Court finds no undue or unexplained delay on the Plaintiffs' part, particularly because they are acting *pro se*.

II. Whether Plaintiffs' Motion For Leave To Amend Should Be Denied With Regard To Ms. Hameen On Statute Of Limitation Grounds

Defendants contend that Plaintiffs' amendment adding Ms. Hameen should be denied on statute of limitation grounds.

The Supreme Court has held that the state statute of limitations for personal injury actions applies to § 1983 claims. See Owens v. Okure, 488 U.S. 235, 239 (1989); Wilson v. Garcia, 471 U.S. 261, 269 (1985); Smith v. City of Pittsburgh, 764 F.2d 188, 194 (3d Cir). In Delaware, the limitations period for a personal injury claim is two years. Del.Code Ann. tit. 10, § 8119 (1974); McDowell v. Delaware State Police, 88 F.3d 188, 190 (3d Cir.1996).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(c) allows amendments that add a party despite the running of an applicable state statute of limitations in certain circumstances. Fed. R. Civ P. 15(c)(3). To ameliorate the running of the statute of limitations, Rule 15(c)(3) imposes three conditions, all of which must be met for a party to successfully relate back an amended complaint adding a new plaintiff. See Singletary v. Pennsylvania Depot of Corrections, 266 F.3d 186, 193-94 (3d Cir.2001) (describing the three elements of Rule 15(c)(3)); see also Nelson v. County of Allegheny, 60 F.3d 1010, 1014 n. 7 (3d Cir.1995) (noting that the relation back of amendments applies equally to amendments changing and adding plaintiffs). The three elements of Rule 15(c)(3) are whether 1) the claim arose out of the same conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth or attempted to be set forth in the original pleading, 2) whether the defendant had notice of the filing of the action within the period provided by Rule 4(m) and will not be prejudiced in maintaining a defense, and 3) the newly named plaintiffs failed to add their names to the complaint because of a mistake. Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(c)(3); Nelson, 60 F.3d at 1015.

\*3 The Court finds that, in the circumstances of this case, Defendants had notice of and will not be prejudiced in maintaining a defense to the § 1983 claim. With respect to the third element, the Court finds that the facts in the instant case demonstrate that but for Mr. Hackett's mistake, Ms. Hameen would have been named in the Complaint. Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(c)(3)(B).

For these reasons, the Court concludes that under Rule 15(c)(3) Plaintiff's amendment adding Ms. Hameen as

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a plaintiff is entitled to relate back to the filing of the Complaint.

III. Whether Plaintiffs' Motion For Leave To Amend Should Be Denied With Regard To The RLUIPA Claim

Defendants contend that Plaintiffs' motion to amend adding a RLUIPA claim should be denied because the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to consider the constitutionality of RLUIPA.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(c)(2) allows an amendment stating a different claim than the original Complaint to relate back to the date of the original Complaint if the new claim is within the Court's jurisdiction and arises out of the conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth in the original Complaint. Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(c)(2).

The Court concludes that the RLUIPA claim is within the Court's federal question jurisdiction and arises from the conduct set forth in the original Complaint. Thus, the Court concludes that Defendants' Motion To Reconsider (D.I.27) should be denied with respect to the addition of the RLUIPA claim.

#### CONCLUSION

In sum, the Court concludes that State Defendants have not identified errors of law or fact, newly discovered evidence, or manifest injustice sufficient to allow the Court to grant the motion for reconsideration.

An appropriate Order will be entered.

#### ORDER

At Wilmington, this 30 day of March 2005, for the reasons discussed in the Memorandum Opinion issued this date:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion To Reconsider The Court's Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion To Amend The Complaint (D.I.27) filed by State Defendants is *DENIED*.

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United States District Court, D. Delaware. Sherman A. CARTER, Plaintiff,

M. Jane BRADY, Attorney General, Stanley Taylor, Commissioner, Robert Snyder, Warden, and Rebecca L. McBride, Record's Supervisor, Defendants.

No. Civ.A. 99-757 JJF.

March 29, 2004.

Sherman A. Carter, Wilmington, Delaware, Plaintiff, pro se.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

FARNAN, J.

\*1 Presently before the Court is Defendants' Motion For Reconsideration. (D.I.89.) For the reasons discussed, the Court will grant in part the Motion.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On February 11, 2004, the Court issued a Memorandum Order (the "February 11 Order") granting Plaintiff's motion in limine. (D.I.85.) The Court based its decision on the absence of any specific opposition by Defendants to Plaintiff's motion in limine. As discussed in the February 11 Order, Defendants' opposition letter to Plaintiff's motion in limine, in large part, was a response to another of Plaintiff's motions. (D.I. 85 at 2.) Based on Defendants' apparent lack of opposition to Plaintiff's motion in limine, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion in limine as "unopposed." By their Motion, Defendants request the Court to reconsider its February 11 Order granting Plaintiff's motion in limine and to grant Defendants an extension to file dispositive motions.

#### DISCUSSION

#### I. Parties' Contentions

Defendants contend that the Court should reconsider its February 11 Order granting Plaintiff's motion in limine because the Court's determination that Plaintiff's motion in limine was unopposed is contrary to the record in this case. Defendants contend that they previously set forth the basis for the defenses the Court struck in the February 11 Order in their motion to dismiss filed on March 17, 2000. Defendants contend that their prior pleadings in March of 2000, along with the Plaintiff's deposition testimony, demonstrate that Plaintiff's motion in limine should have been denied by the Court. In addition, Defendants request the Court to grant them an extension for filing dispositive motions.

In response, Plaintiff contends that the Court properly granted his motion in limine because there is no support for Defendants' defenses.

#### II. Applicable Legal Principles

Defendants move the Court to reconsider its February 11 Order pursuant to Rule 60(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 7.1.5. As an initial matter, the Court notes that Rule 60(b) does not apply to the Court's February 11 Order because that Order was not a final judgment or order. Fed.R.Civ.P. 60(b); see also 12 Moore's Federal Practice § 60.23 (3d ed. rev.2003). However, because Defendants also move for reconsideration pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.5, the Court will reach the merits of the instant motion.

"As a general rule, motions for reconsideration should be granted 'sparingly." ' Stafford v. Noramco of Delaware, Inc., 2001 WL 65738 at \*1 (D.Del. Jan. 10, 2001) (quoting Karr v. Castle, 768 F.Supp. 1087, 1090 (D.Del.1991)). The purpose of granting motions for reconsideration is to correct manifest errors of law or fact, present newly discovered evidence, or to prevent manifest injustice. Harsco Corp. v. Zlotnicky, 176 F.3d 669, 677 (3d Cir.1999) (citing Keene Corp. v. Int'l Fid. Ins. Co., 561 F.Supp. 656, 665 (N.D.III,1983); North River Ins. Co. v. CIGNA Reins., 52 F.3d 1194, 1218 (3d Cir. 1995) (citations omitted). Parties should remain mindful that a motion for reconsideration is not merely an opportunity to "accomplish [the] repetition of arguments that were or should have been presented to the court previously." Karr v. Castle, 768 F.Supp. 1087, 1093 (D.Del.1991) (citing Brambles U.S.A., Inc. v. Blocker, 735 F.Supp. 1239, 1240-41 (D.Del.1990). However, a court should reconsider a prior decision if it overlooked facts or precedent that reasonably would have altered the result. Id. (citing Weissman v. Fruchtman, 124 F.R.D. 559, 560 (S.D.N.Y.1989)).

III. Decision

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\*2 With respect to the portion of Defendants' Motion requesting reconsideration of the Court's February 11 Order granting Plaintiff's motion in limine, the Court will deny the Motion. Defendants do not contend that there has been any change in the law or that they have discovered new evidence; instead, Defendants maintain that in light of their submissions in support of their motion to dismiss that they filed in March of 2000 and the Plaintiff's deposition testimony (that was not attached to Defendants' opposition to Plaintiff's motion in limine), the Court should not have concluded that Plaintiff's motion in limine was "unopposed."

The Court concludes that Defendants' arguments in support of their Motion for Reconsideration of the February 11 Order are without merit. Defendants cannot seriously have expected the Court to have searched the record in this case for one of their filings-submitted over four years ago--to formulate a rationale for denying Plaintiff's motion in limine. Additionally, although the Court is sympathetic to the heavy case load of Defendants' counsel, the Court is similarly faced with numerous proceedings and thus is prevented from undertaking in every case the type of searching review of the case record Defendants suggest the Court should have done when deciding Plaintiff's motion in limine. Defendants should have presented these arguments to the Court in their opposition to Plaintiff's motion in limine, and thus, are precluded from asserting them in the instant motion. See Karr, 768 F.Supp. at 1093.

Next, to the extent Defendants request the Court to grant them an extension of time to file dispositive motions, the Court will grant the Motion, Plaintiff does not contend that he will be unfairly prejudiced by the Court's grant of an extension, and, based on the heavy case load of Defendants' attorney, the Court will grant the request. [FN1]

> FN1. Although the Court previously denied a request by Defendants for an extension to file dispositive motions (D.I.83), Defendants'

instant request is based on different grounds that the Court concludes justifies an extension. The Court previously denied Defendants an extension because the request was based on Defendants' belief that Plaintiff desired such an extension. Once the Court was notified by Plaintiff that he opposed any such extension, the Court denied Defendants' request. Contrary to their previous request, Defendants' instant request for an extension is based on Defense counsel's heavy case load.

#### CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed, the Court will grant in part Defendants' Motion. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion will be entered.

#### **ORDER**

At Wilmington, this 29th day of March, 2004, for the reasons discussed in the Memorandum Opinion issued this date:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' Motion For Reconsideration (D.I.89), with respect to:

- 1) The Court's February 11, 2004, Memorandum Order granting Plaintiff's motion in limine (D.I.85) is *DENIED*:
- 2) Defendants' request for an extension of time to file dispositive motions is GRANTED.
- 3) Defendants shall file and serve any dispositive motion on or before Friday, April 23, 2004. Plaintiff shall file and serve an answer brief to any dispositive motion on or before Friday, May 14, 2004. Any reply brief shall be filed and served on or before Friday, May 21, 2004.
- 4) Defendants' Motion For Leave To File Out Of Time Motion For Enlargement Of Time (D.I.68) is DENIED as moot.

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United States District Court, D. Delaware.

CORNING INCORPORATED and Artificial Sensing Instruments ASI AG, Plaintiffs,

V.

SRU BIOSYSTEMS, LLC, SRU Biosystems, Inc., and SRU Biosystems Holdings, LLC, Defendants.

No. Civ.A. 03-633 JJF.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

#### FARNAN, J.

\*1 Pending before the Court is the Request For Partial Reconsideration Of Claim Construction Decision (D.I.175) filed by Defendants, SRU Biosystems, LLC, SRU Biosystems, Inc. and SRU Biosystems Holdings, LLC (collectively, "SRU"). By its Motion, SRU requests reconsideration pursuant to D. Del. L.R. 7.1.5 of two terms, "waveguiding structure" and "waveguiding film," construed by the Court in its July 9, 2004 claim construction decision. For the reasons set forth below, the Court will deny SRU's request for partial reconsideration.

#### **DISCUSSION**

I. Legal Standard For Reargument Under D. Del. L.R. 7.1.5

Although not explicitly provided for in the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rule 7.1.5 provides for the filing of reargument motions. See D. Del. L.R. 7.1.5. The decision to grant a motion for reargument lies within the discretion of the district court; however, such motions should only be granted sparingly. Dentsply Int'l, Inc. v. Kerr Mfg. Co., 42 F.Supp.2d 385, 419 (D.Del.1999).

A motion for reargument "should not be used to rehash arguments already briefed or to allow a 'never-ending polemic between the litigants and the Court." ' *Id.* (citing *Ogelsby v. Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co.*, 877 F.Supp. 872, 892 (D.Del.1995)). As such, a motion for reargument may only be granted in three narrow circumstances: (1) where the court has patently misunderstood a party, (2) where the court has made an error not of reasoning, but of apprehension, or (3) where the court has made a decision outside the scope of the issues presented to the court by the parties. *Id.* (citing *Pirelli Cable Corp v. Ciena Corp.*, 988 F.Supp. 424, 445 (D.Del.1998)). With this standard in mind, the Court will address SRU's Motion for reconsideration

#### II. SRU's Motion For Reconsideration

By its Motion, SRU contends that the Court erred in its construction of the terms "waveguiding structure" and "waveguiding film." Specifically, SRU requests the Court to add the following language, indicated by bold, italicized print, to the Court's claim construction.

"Waveguiding structure" means: "A structure that confines light, formed by a waveguiding film and a substrate and containing a diffraction grating."

"Waveguiding film" means: "A film which, in combination with a sample having a lower index of refraction and a substrate can guide light along a path by total internal reflection."

(D.I. 157 at 2). SRU contends that by declining to include the "confining light" limitation in the term "waveguiding structure," the Court overlooked intrinsic evidence contained in Ilan Chabay, "Optical Waveguides," *Analytical Chemistry*, vol. 54, no. 9, pp. 1071A-1080A (Aug.1982) (the "Chabay reference"). SRU contends that the Chabay reference was cited during the prosecution of the '843 patent and identified on the face of the patent, such that it constitutes controlling intrinsic evidence. SRU contends that the Chabay reference is the only intrinsic evidence directly on point, and the Chabay reference makes clear that a waveguiding structure confines light.

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\*2 With respect to the term "waveguiding film," SRU contends that the Court's construction is based on a misunderstanding of the patent specification. SRU contends that regardless of whether a strip is used for waveguiding, the light is still guided by total internal reflection. SRU contends that this definition is consistent with the treatise P.K. Tien, "Light Waves In Thin Films And Integrated Optics," Applied Optics, vol. 10, pp. 2395- 2413 (1971).

Reviewing the Court's claim construction decision, the Markman hearing transcript, and the submissions by the parties in connection with this Motion and the the Court concludes Markman hearing, reconsideration of its claim construction decision is not warranted. SRU presented the same arguments it advances here at the Markman hearing and in the Markman briefing. The Court considered these arguments in rendering its construction of the disputed terms, and thus, SRU's Motion attempts to relitigate matters already considered and decided by the Court. Accordingly, the Court concludes that SRU has not stated a cognizable ground justifying reconsideration under D. Del. L.R. 7.1.5.

Further, even if the Court were to consider the substance of SRU's argument, the Court would not grant reconsideration and would render the same claim construction it rendered in its July 9, 2004 decision. Although the Court did not refer to the Chabay reference as intrinsic evidence in its decision, the Court considered the Chabay reference in construing the term "waveguiding structure." Further, the fact that the Chabay reference may be considered intrinsic evidence does not support SRU's assertion that it is controlling as to the definition of "waveguiding structure." In Kumar v. Ovanic Battery Co, 351 F.3d 1364 (Fed.Cir.2003), the Federal Circuit found a prior art reference cited during the prosecution history of the patent at issue to be controlling where the applicant and the examiner considered the reference to be highly pertinent and it was discussed extensively and distinguished during the prosecution of the patent. Unlike Kumar, in this case, SRU has not demonstrated that the applicant discussed the Chabay reference extensively during the prosecution of the '843 patent or that the applicant embraced the Chabay reference as applying specifically to the claims. Further, the Chabay reference must be considered along with the other intrinsic evidence, [FN1] and this evidence contradicts SRU's position that the "waveguiding structure" must confine light. As the Court pointed out in its July 9 decision, at least two embodiments, Figures 3 and 7 of the '843 patent, show that a portion of the waveguiding structure is intentionally used to direct light out of the waveguiding structure. Taking the intrinsic evidence as a whole, the Court is not persuaded that the limitation of "confining light" should be added to the Court's definition of "waveguiding structure."

> FN1. See Rexnord Corp. v. Laitram Corp., 274 F.3d 1336, 1343 (Fed.Cir.2001); DeMarini Sports, Inc. v. Worth, 239 F.3d 1314, 1324 (Fed.Cir.2001).

Similarly, with respect to the term "waveguiding film," the Court concludes that the limitation of "total internal reflection" suggested by SRU is not supported by the claim language or the specification. The Federal Circuit has cautioned against importing limitations from the specification into the claim. See Amgen Inc. v. Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc., 314 F.3d 1313, 1325 (Fed.Cir.2003); Arlington Indus., Inc. v. Bridgeport Fittings, Inc., 345 F.3d 1318, 1327 (Fed.Cir.2003). Further, as the Court noted in its July 9 decision, the specification does not support the limitation proposed by SRU. While the specification does describe embodiments which include the requirement of total internal reflection, it also suggests the use of other structures for the purpose of waveguiding, and as indicated by those skilled in the art, these other structures do not necessarily require total internal reflection. '843 patent, col. 2, 11, 40-44, 53-56, col. 3, 11. 43-47, col. 8, 11. 39-40; Pollock Decl. at ¶ 27-29, 31-33. Accordingly, the Court is not persuaded that the limitation of "total internal reflection" should be added to the Court's construction of the term "waveguiding film."

#### CONCLUSION

\*3 For the reasons discussed, the Court will deny SRU's Request For Partial Reconsideration Of Claim Construction Decision.

An appropriate Order will be entered.

#### **ORDER**

At Wilmington, this 13th day of October 2004, for the reasons discussed in the Memorandum Opinion issued this date;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Request For Partial Reconsideration Of Claim Construction Decision (D.I.175) filed by Defendants, Biosystems, LLC, SRU Biosystems, Inc. and SRU Biosystems Holdings, LLC is DENIED.

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